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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Hon. Pat Miller
Chairman
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0505

Re: *Approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement Negotiated by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc and CenturyTel Solutions, LLC Pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996*
Docket No 04-00437

Dear Chairman Miller:

Pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, CenturyTel Solutions, LLC and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. are hereby submitting to the Tennessee Regulatory Authority the original and fourteen copies of the attached Petition for Approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement dated September 20, 2002. The Amendment relates to QuickServe.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Guy M Hicks

cc Ron P Johnson, CenturyTel Solutions, LLC

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
Nashville, Tennessee

In re *Approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement Negotiated by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and CenturyTel Solutions, LLC Pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996*

Docket No. _____

PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF THE
AMENDMENT TO THE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT
NEGOTIATED BETWEEN BELL SOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.
AND CENTURYTEL SOLUTIONS, LLC
PURSUANT TO THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996

COME NOW, CenturyTel Solutions, LLC ("CTS") and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., ("BellSouth"), and file this request for approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement dated September 20, 2002 (the "Amendment") negotiated between the two companies pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, (the "Act"). In support of their request, CTS and BellSouth state the following:

1. CTS and BellSouth have successfully negotiated an agreement for interconnection of their networks, the unbundling of specific network elements offered by BellSouth and the resale of BellSouth's telecommunications services to CTS. The Interconnection Agreement was approved by the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("TRA") on December 2, 2002.

2. The parties have recently negotiated an Amendment to the Agreement which relates to QuickServe. A copy of the Amendment is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

3. Pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, CTS and BellSouth are submitting their Amendment to the TRA for its consideration and

approval. The Amendment provides that either or both of the parties is authorized to submit this Amendment to the TRA for approval.

4. In accordance with Section 252(e) of the Act, the TRA is charged with approving or rejecting the negotiated Amendment between BellSouth and CTS within 90 days of its submission. The Act provides that the TRA may only reject such an agreement if it finds that the agreement or any portion of the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement or the implementation of the agreement or any portion of the agreement is not consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity.

5. CTS and BellSouth aver that the Amendment is consistent with the standards for approval.

6. Pursuant to 47 USC Section 252(i) and 47 C.F.R. Section 51.809, BellSouth shall make available the entire Interconnection Agreement filed and approved pursuant to 47 USC Section 252.

CTS and BellSouth respectfully request that the TRA approve the Amendment negotiated between the parties.

This 15th day of Dec., 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC

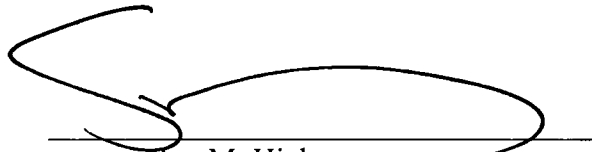
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Guy M. Hicks, hereby certify that I have served a copy of the foregoing Petition for Approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement on the following via United States Mail on the 5 day of Dec, 2004:

Ron P. Johnson
Manager of Carrier Relations
CenturyTel Solutions, LLC
100 CenturyTel Drive 5 South
Monroe, LA 71203



Guy M. Hicks

**Amendment to the Agreement
Between**

**CenturyTel Solutions, LLC
and**

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.

Dated September 20, 2002

Pursuant to this Amendment, (the "Amendment"), CenturyTel Solutions, LLC (CTS), and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc (BellSouth), hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Parties," hereby agree to amend that certain Interconnection Agreement between the Parties dated September 20, 2002 (Agreement) to be effective 30 days after the date of the last signature executing the Amendment

WHEREAS, BellSouth and CTS entered into the Agreement on September 20, 2002 and,

WHEREAS, both Parties agree that an initial New Installation of a 2-Wire Port/Loop Combination- Residence line provisioned at a Location where QuickServe is available on the line shall incur a QuickServe NonRecurring Charge (NRC) at the NRC Currently Combined Conversion Rate set forth in the Agreement and that any initial New Installation of a 2-Wire Port/Loop Combination - Residence line provisioned at a location where QuickServe is not available, shall incur the Not Currently Combined NRC, First and Additional rates set forth in the Agreement,

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual provisions contained herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties hereby covenant and agree as follows

- 1 The Parties agree to incorporate into Attachment 2 of the Agreement the rates and USOCs as set forth in Exhibit 1 of this Amendment attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference
- 2 All of the other provisions of the Agreement, dated September 20, 2002, shall remain in full force and effect
- 3 Either or both of the Parties are authorized to submit this Amendment to the respective state regulatory authorities for approval subject to Section 252(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Amendment the day and year written below.

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.

By: 

Name: Kristen Rowe

Title: Director

Date: 11/3/04

CenturyTel Solutions, LLC

By: 

Name: Ron Johnson

Title: Carrier Relations Manager

Date: 10/28/04

UNBUNDLED NETWORK ELEMENTS - Tennessee														
CATEGORY	RATE ELEMENTS	Interim	Zone	BCS	USOC	RATES (\$)			Svc Order Submitted Elec per LSR	Svc Order Submitted Manually per LSR	Attachment 2		Exhibit A	
						Nonrecurring First	Add'l	Nonrecurring Disconnect First			Incremental Charge - 1st	Incremental Charge - Add'l	Incremental Charge - 1st	Incremental Charge - Add'l
UNBUNDLED PORT/LOOP COMBINATIONS - COST BASED RATES														
	NONRECURRING CHARGES (NRCs) - CURRENTLY COMBINED													
	2-Wire Voice Grade Loop / Line Port Platform - Installation													
	Charge at QuickService location - Not Conversion of Existing Service													
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